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Subject: RE: DAVID: Interview request from Black News Channel

Agreed! My sense is that the situation in BH is going to be ongoing and they'd probably be happy to have Radhika next week. For now, I'll let OPA know that Radhika is unavailable today and that we are interested in continuing to explore this opportunity if Black News Channel and Radhika's schedule could align for next week.

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Subject: RE: DAVID: Interview request from Black News Channel

Hi David:
Radhika is out of pocket today. I see that they were asking for the interview yesterday or today. Do you think there's any flexibility to put it off?

I agree in general that this is a good opportunity, but I don't want to pile too much on an already demanding week.

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Morning team,
OPA is interested to see if Radhika wants to do an interview on Benton Harbor with Black News Channel. The recommendation from OPA comes in terms of communicating to Benton Harbor residents and BH being representative of situations and ongoing conversations across the country. In general, I think it's a good opportunity to get our message out, show our commitment to equity, and highlight your leadership on BH. My only concern is managing competing priorities. We do have discretion to pass on this and look for a future opportunity. What do you think?

Best,
David

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Subject: DAVID: Interview request from Black News Channel

Hey David, wanted to run an interview request by you and Radhika from Black News Channel. The Administrator has done interviews here before and we've developed a pretty good working relationship with their team. He's not available for this one, but OPA thought it would be a good opportunity for Radhika.

I know we're working through potential interviews with additional outlets, but wanted to flag this one first given the timing. Let us know if you have any questions or need more info!

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Subject: FW: EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hey – checking in to make sure we get back to BNC. We could see if Radhika or someone else could do?

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Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Nick,

Good afternoon. We'd like to follow up regarding this request.

Saw the news regarding the EPA order issued in Benton Harbor. Can someone join us on air today or tomorrow to discuss?

All the best,
Stephanie

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Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Stephanie – Hope you are well. Here is our latest on Benton Harbor. Can we touch base early next week on any potential updates?

It is essential that the people of Benton Harbor are protected from lead exposure in drinking water. We are actively engaged in the response in Benton Harbor to protect its residents from lead in the water. EPA's involvement has been instrumental to driving actions to ensure people are safe and healthy. Our actions have included: an inspection of water infrastructure, compiling and analyzing data from the city and State, and engaging our national drinking water experts on designing methods to evaluate questions raised by the community. EPA is working to ensure an expeditious and effective response to the immediate and pressing water issues in Benton Harbor and to reduce the community's exposure to lead in drinking water.

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Subject: Re: EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Good morning all, bumping this back up for written statements.

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Subject: Re: EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Erica, thank you. Is Administrator Regan available next week.

Lindsay/Nick, will look for those statements. We are wanting to share them on-air.

All the best,
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Hi Stephanie- The Administrator is unavailable this week but connecting you with Lindsay/Nick on his team who can provide the latest statements on this issue.

Thanks.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Would Administrator Regan be available to discuss environmental racism and the Benton Harbor water crisis?

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